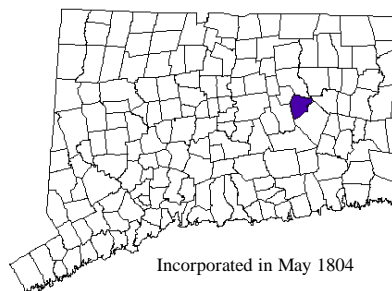


# Columbia

## Connecticut

Town Hall  
P.O. Box 165  
Columbia, CT 06237  
(860) 228-3284

*Belongs to*  
Tolland County  
Hartford Labor Market Area  
Northeast Economic Development Region  
Windham Planning Area



Incorporated in May 1804

### Demographics

<i>Population</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (1990)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	4,510	128,699	3,287,116	White	4,459	122,785	2,859,353
1995	4,680	129,200	3,289,090	Black	18	2,625	274,269
2000	4,840	132,450	3,316,120	Asian Pacific	25	2,446	50,698
2005	5,020	136,830	3,364,080	Native American	0	221	6,654
				Other	8	622	96,142
'95-'05 Growth	7.3%	5.9%	2.3%	Hispanic origin (may be of any race)	61	2,216	213,116
Land Area	21.4	410.1	4,845.4				
Population per square mile	219.1	315.1	678.8	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Households	1,675	45,360	1,237,000	Persons age 25 or older		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
				High school graduate		957	648,366
				Some College		818	495,696
				Bachelors or more		909	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1995)</i>							
	<b>0-4</b>	<b>5-14</b>	<b>15-34</b>	<b>35-49</b>	<b>50-64</b>	<b>65+</b>	<b>Total</b>
Male	8%	17%	22%	31%	13%	9%	2,333
Female	8%	15%	23%	30%	13%	11%	2,347
State Total	7%	13%	27%	24%	14%	14%	3,289,090

### Economics

<i>Number of Establishments (1995)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Top Ten Assessments (1994)</i>	
Manufacturing	< 3	140	6,068	1. CT Light & Power Company	\$2,298,910
Services	34	944	39,011	2. Bell David N.	1,736,850
Trade - Retail	21	580	20,251	3. Columbia Manufacturing Inc.	1,213,320
Trade - Wholesale	< 3	166	9,858	4. Eastconn	1,097,180
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	4	205	8,809	5. Tuttle, Audrey M	1,043,500
Total Establishments	113	2,744	104,409	6. F V Associates	1,040,960
Per Capita Income	\$26,984	\$23,307	\$30,303	7. Bell David N. & Judith T.	852,450
Retail Sales (thousands)	\$29,701		\$27,231,413	8. Tourgate Realty Inc.	836,920
				9. Wile, Andrew S	817,040
				10. Englert Herbert C. Jr.	713,370
				As % of Grand List	3.4

### Education

Grade organization (number of schools): K-8, 9-12 (at Windham or Lyman HS)

#### 1994-1995 School Year

Total students	629
Total expenditures per pupil	\$6,953
Average teacher's salary	\$44,666
Students attending public school	92.6 %
Students in extended day kindergarten	0
Graduates attending four year college	53.6 %

#### Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	Grade 4	Grade 6	Grade 8
Reading	45.6	85.0	70.4
Math	64.7	78.3	53.7
Writing	48.5	48.3	48.1

#### Average Class Size

Kindergarten	21.3	Grade 5	20.3	High School	19.0
Grade 2	19.3	Grade 7	18.8		

**Connecticut Town Profiles 1996-1997**

is a publication of the Connecticut Department of  
Economic and Community Development; Research  
Division 865 Brook Street Rocky Hill, CT 06067-  
3405 Phone (860) 258-4235.

# Columbia

## Connecticut

### Government

Government Form Selectman- Town Meeting

1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$6,674,019	Equalized Grand List	\$338,731,751
Total revenue	\$6,755,203	Education	\$4,770,993	Per capita	\$70,805
Tax revenue	\$3,900,233	Other	\$1,903,026	As % of state average	90.5
Non-tax revenue	\$2,854,970	Total Indebtness	\$4,735,000	Date of last revaluation	10/1/92
Intergovernmental	38.4%	As % of expenditures	70.9	Moody's Bond Rating	A1
Per capita tax	\$815	Per capita	\$990	Actual mill rate	15.90
As % of state average	40.9	As % of state average	51.4	Equalized mill rate	11.24
		Annual Debt Service	\$540,320	Voting districts	1
		As % of expenditures	8.1		

### Housing

1994							
<i>Housing Stock</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Sales Price Distribution</i>			
Existing Units (total)	1,859	48,487	1,351,825	Number of Sales	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
% Single unit detached	94.1	72.1	62.4	Less than \$75,000	12	473	11,328
New Permits Authorized (total)	28	507	9,439	\$75,001-\$150,000	40	914	19,828
% Single unit detached	100.0	97.0	80.6	\$150,001-\$250,000	22	371	11,132
As % of Existing Units	1.5	1.0	0.7	\$250,001-\$400,000	2	41	4,662
				\$400,001 or more	0	7	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	76	1,806	50,087				
Average price	\$131,436	\$113,894	\$171,382				
Median price	\$133,750	\$115,000	\$126,000				

### Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	2,589	70,294	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from		Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	2,468	66,842	1,630,000	1. Columbia	286	Windham	412
Unemployed	121	3,452	96,000	2. Windham	112	Hartford	364
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.9%	5.6%	3. Lebanon	72	Columbia	286
				4. Mansfield	70	East Hartford	190
Total Employment	770	34,220	1,538,980	5. Hebron	36	Manchester	171
Manufacturing	150	3,900	270,250	6. Colchester	34	Mansfield	156
				7. Coventry	30	Windsor	73
				8. Durham	19	Glastonbury	61
				9. Plainfield	15	Middletown	58
				10. Hartford	14	Hebron	55

### Quality of Life

1995	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1993-1994)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities (1995)</i>		
Miles to State Capitol	24		Total books and serials	18,121	Electric Company		
Visitor Attractions	0	488	Weekly hours open	41	CT Light and Power		
Banks	1	1,188	Circulation per capita	7.6	Typical basic rate		
Lodging	2	467	Crime rate (1994)		\$9.00 + 10.599c/kwh		
Number of units	22	26,540	per 1,000 residents	20.0	Typical heat rate		
Day Care Facilities	3	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	2	\$10.50 + 9.648c/kwh		
			Total beds	191	Gas Company		
					No Natural Gas Service		
					Typical rate		
							N/A